(c) if so, what action has been taken to rectify the lapses pointed out by the audit; and

(d) whether these lapses have now been rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1987, presented to the Parliament on 10th May, 1988, includes a para on the review of the various activities of the Indian Council of Historical Research conducted by the Audit covering the period from 1978-79 to 1986-87. The audit para, *inter alia*, pionts out non-completion of research projects funded by the Council, non-receipt of accounts and utilisation certificates therefor, etc. A copy of the report was received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 28th June, 1988 for furnishing action taken notes in respect of the paras concerning the Ministry which is receiving attention.

Payment of compensation from the Solatium Fund

1806. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent so far from the Solatium Fund in giving compensation to the road accident victims stating the number of cases pending, payment made from the fund till date; and

(b) the normal period taken in disposing of a case and the reasons for delay in their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As per information given by the State Government/ Union Territory Administrations, a sum of Rs. 88.025 lakhs has been paid by them to the claimants of solatium, in respect of 2785 hit-and-run accident cases.

630 claims cases are reported pending. The average time taken by Settlement Commissioners in various States/UTs. in disposing of a case is three to six months. Delays in certain cases are said to be on account of time involved in obtaining of documents like medical report and inquiry by Claims Enquiry Officers for ascertaining the fact of involvement of motor vehicle in accident and untraceability of the vehicle.

Chancellors of Universities

1807. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Universities in the country which have Chancellors other than Governors;

(b) what are the names of the Chancellors of those Universities; and

(c) what is the number, out of them, of those who are politicians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) All the nine Central Universities established under Acts of Parliament have the President of India as their Visitor. All of them, except the Indira Gandhi National Open University, have also their Chancellors who are either elected by their Courts, or are appointed by the Visitor on the recommendations of their Executive Councils. However, in the case of the Delhi University, the Vice-President of India is the Chancelllor. In the case of State Universities functioning under Acts of State legislatures, the Governor of the concerned State is generally the Chancellor. According to the available information the exceptions to this pattern are: